

been requested to allow OCC to withdraw this amount. No final decision has been taken as yet.

Growth in industrial output

2326. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the growth in industrial output during 1999-2000, sector-wise;
- (b) how these growth rates compare with 1997-98 and 1998-99; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to accelerate industrial production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) The growth rates of industrial production sector-wise during the last three years i.e. 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are given as under:

Growth rates of Industrial Production by major sectors (Base 1993-94=100)

(in percentage)

Year (Weight)	Mining (10.47)	Manufacturing (79.36)	Electricity (10.17)	Overall (100.00)
1997-98	5.9	6.6	6.6	6.6
1998-99	-1.7	4.2	6.5	3.8
1999-2000	0.7	9.1	6.6	8.1

(c) The Government has taken various steps from time to time to accelerate industrial production. This has been supported by continued reforms in industry (including foreign direct investment policy), trade, infrastructure, information technology and financial sectors which have helped industry to improve its efficiency, productivity and international competitiveness.